THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The recommendation of the High Level Committee (Atherya Committee) set up by the Government for recommending the most appropriate structure for Telecom. Department is under active consideration. Since Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited is a part of the Eelecomstructure of this country, a decision regarding Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited will be taken alongwith the decision on the recommendation of the Atreya Committee.

LTTE terrorists threat to blow up Rameswaram Bridge in Tamil Nadu

*257. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the LTTE terrorists have threatened to blow up Rameswaram Bridge in Tamil Nadu and that they intend the function within Tamil Nadu and spread terrorism in India; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to weed out LTTE terrorists from India?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) According to Government of Tamil Nadu, an anonymous letter in the name of LTTE containing *interalia* a threat to blow up Pamban Bridge at Rameswaram was received. There is, however, no mention in the letter about the LTTE wanting to function within Tamil Nadu and spread terrorism in India.

(b) The State Government have informed that sustained action is being taken to eradicate militant LTTE activities and to check their infiltration into India. This includes setting up of check posts and intensification of patrolling on shore and off shore. The Central Government is providing all possible assistance to the State Government in this regard.

Growth of motels on National Highways

*258. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mushroom growth of motels on National Highway between Vijayawada and Hyderabad and Vijayawada and Madras is creating traffic jams;

(b) how many motels are now running on these highways; and

(c) what steps are being taken to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) It is presumed by "motel" the Hon. Member is referring to Hotels where motorists and their vehicle can be accommodated. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have intimated that there are no motels along these sections of National Highways.

(c) Does not arise.

Telegraph facilities in Uttar Pradesh

*259. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in Uttar Pradesh where direct telegraph facilities are available; and

(b) the places in Uttar Pradesh where direct telegraph facilities are proposed to be provided during the next one and two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Direct Telegraph Facility provided through Store and Forward Systems is available from 35 places in the State of Uttar Pradesh as on 1-4-1991. List of such telegraph officers is given at Statement I.

(b) It is proposed to add 65 places on Store and Forward System Network during the next two years as per list at Statement-II.

Statement-I

List of Stations connected with SFT Systems in U.P. Circle

1. Agra
2. Aligarh
3. Bareilly
4. Jhansi
5. Kanpur
6. Mathura
7. Merrut
8. Mainpuri
9. Allahabad
10. Azamgarh
11. Ballia
12. Jaunpur
13. Deoria
14. Ghazipur
15. Bhadohi
16. Pratapgarh
17. Mirzapur
18. Gorakhpur
19. Lucknow
20. Faizbad
21. Moradabad
22. Raebareli
23. Sultanpur
24. Dehradun
25. Saharanpur
26. Hardwar
27. Muzaffarnagar
28. Roorkee
29. Bulandshahar
30. Ghaziabad
31. Nodia
32. Hapur
33. Modinagar
34. Nanital
35. Varanasi

Statement-II

List of Proposed SFT Terminals to be provided during 1991-92

1. Basti
2. Siddharthnagar
3. Gonda
4. Bahraich
5. Lakhimpur Kheri
6. Sitapur
7. Hardoi
8. Barabanki
9. Shahjhanapur
10. Maharajganj
11. Jagdishpur
12. Amethi
13. Balrampur
14. Akbarpur
15. Tanda
16. Khalilabad
17. Almora
18. Pithoragarh
19. Haldwani
20. Pilibhit
21. Budaun
22. Bijnore
23. Rampur
24. Najibabad
25. Srinagar
26. Rishkesh
27. Pauri

28. Tehri
29. Chamoli
30. Uttarkashi
31. BHEL Hardwar
32. Mussoorie
33. Rudrapur
34. Kashipur
35. Chandausi
36. Ranikhet
37. Pantnagar
38. Amroha
39. Unnao

List of Proposed SFT Terminals to be provided during 1992-93

1. Ramnagar
2. Ferozabad
3. Hathras
4. Etah
5. Kasganj
6. Tundla
7. Narora
8. Shikohabad
9. Maunathbhanjan
10. Moghalsarai
11. Padrauna
12. Etawah
13. Hamirpur
14. Fatehpur
15. Lalitpur
16. Orai
17. Farrukhabad
18. Banda
19. Fatehgarh
20. Renukoot
21. Robertsganj
22. Shahjinagr
23. Bamrauli
24. Phulpur
25. Handia
26. Kunda

Poor Tele ~n network in Goa

*260. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor telecom-network in Goa, and whether there are consistent demands from Goa Government to establish integrated network service for the whole of Goa; and

(b) if so, by when the facility is likely to be provided in Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The performance of of Telecom. network in Goa is generally satisfactory. There is a plan to instal Integrated Digital Network for the whole of Goa.

(b) This facility is likely to be available by the end of 8th plan.

Tibetan and Chakma refugees settled in Arunachal Pradesh

1374. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Tibetan and Chakma refugees settled in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) when were they permitted to settle in Arunachal Pradesh;

(c) is there any proposal of the Central Government to repatriate them to their respective countries—China and Bangladesh; and

(d) if so, when will they be repatriated to their own countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Tibetan refugees: 3920 persons, Chakma refugees; 4102 families.